

Getting the balance right



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In June 2013, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and MassDOT issued a joint policy statement important to realizing Global Warming Solutions Act greenhouse gas limits. [*The Common Vision for Growth*](#) highlights the housing, transportation, and environment agencies' strong commitment to plan ahead for future growth based on the Commonwealth's [*Sustainable Development Principles*](#). The agencies collectively support a planning process and land use outcomes that meet a number of important Administration goals:

- Build 10,000 multi-family homes a year through 2020, particularly near transit, city/town centers and employment centers;
- Shift the way we travel, by tripling the share of travel by bicycling, transit and walking; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from the 1990 levels by 2020.

In order to achieve these goals the agencies collectively support mixed-use growth in city and town centers and near transit, exactly the type of development called for in the Clean Energy and Climate Plan in order to lower the amount of car travel, fossil fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth.